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Dear Mr. Smith:

COMMENTS ON THE 200-UW-1 OPERABLE UNIT PROPOSED PLAN

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Thank you for your comments on the 200-UW-1 Operable Unit Proposed Plan. The comment period closed June 30, 2005, and the Tri-Party Agreement agencies have not yet issued a comment response summary.

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We apologize and realize we are far beyond the 60-day turnaround for comment response documents outlined in the Tri-Party Agreement Community Relations Plan. Our delay results from one of the substantial issues that commentors raised including integration of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act. The parties have resolved this issue and the comments have helped the Tri-Party agencies refine their thinking and work on difficult integration issues. It is not uncommon for public input to improve decision-making, and we thank you for your insightful comments.

The parties are currently finishing responses to comments. You will receive the comment response summary when it is complete. The parties have a goal of issuing these comment responses in Spring 2006.

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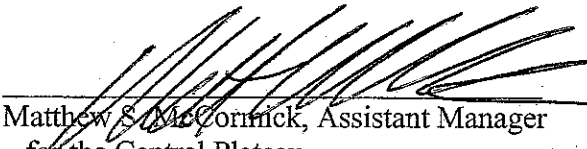
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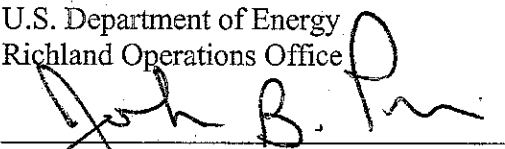
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